

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 24 and 34.

Please amend claims 21, 23, 25-27, 31, 33 and 35-37 as follows:

*S-1* --21(amended). An information processing apparatus comprising:

a processor for executing a booting program to start up said information processing apparatus; and  
a data store for storing first data,  
wherein said processor selectively uses said first data stored in said data store or second data stored in another data store according to said booting program to start up said information processing apparatus, said other data store being removably connected to said information processing apparatus.

*B* 23(amended). An information processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the other data store for storing said second data is a recording medium.

*B* 25(amended). An information processing apparatus according to claim 23,  
wherein said processor displays an image of said first data on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is not connected to said information processing apparatus, and said processor displays an image of said second data on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is connected to said information processing apparatus.

26(amended). An information processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the other data store for storing said second data is a portable electronic device.

*Sub Cx*

27(amended). An information processing apparatus comprising:  
a processor for executing a booting program to start up said information apparatus; and  
a communication unit for data communication with a plurality of data stores for storing data, at least one of said data stores being removably connected to said information processing apparatus,  
wherein said processor selectively uses said data stored in said plurality of data stores according to said booting program to start up said information processing apparatus.

*Sub Cx*

31(amended). A method of starting up an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:  
executing a booting program;  
selecting data from first data stored in a data store of said information processing apparatus and a second data stored in another data store according to said booting program, said other data store being removably connected to said information processing apparatus; and  
starting up said information processing apparatus using the selected data.

*Sub Cx*

33(amended). A method according to claim 31, wherein the other data store for storing said second data is a recording medium.